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THE SEVENTH REVIVAL OF THE ACTORS' WORK

HAVE BEEN HELPED BY CRITICISM

"Shoofly Regiment" Has Taken First Honors--Importance of Actor's Fund--Convention of Performers Should Be Called.

By Sylvester Russell.

The Seventh Annual Review presents us with one more revival of the passing scenes of a generation of actors whose stage work should live in their own printed history for years after the present century, when all of us shall have entered into the mystic mirage of life's eternal way. The days of acute criticism which actors have so long dreaded have ever been the undoing and upbuilding of two classes of actors that were either ignorant, conceited or stubborn. Because such actors were blind to criticism, seven years of it has cured the fatal diseases of many.

So to an intelligent actor the day of severity is positively past, but to an ignorant one there is no doubt that he will still complain of unjust criticism whenever criticism comes to him. But criticism to him, with all his defects, is actually flattery, and brings him reputation where he hadn't any. Now, if in the course of the future the pathway is to be scented with honeysuckles, and it certainly should, actors must try to bear in mind all the defects which have brought criticism into play and try to remedy them as the days go by, as the months depart, and the years roll on into eternity. From the beginning of the season and the prominence of indorsements which came from New York up to the present date of the closing year, Cole and Johnson, in the "Shoofly Regiment," have taken first honors of this season's legitimate comedy productions.

Second in the limelight of metropolitan importance was the Pekin Stock Company of Chicago, Robert T. Mott's young and enterprising organization, which presented two comedies in New York, "Captain Rufus," a mall manufactory of plagiarized scenes and transported music, lithely placed by J. Ed Green, and "The Husband," which scored a success. Harrison Stewart, a young comedian, whose work gave promise of winning as soon as he had acquired more experience in stagecraft and the adoption of the "legitimate standard," was featured in the two plays. These two plays and the Cole and Johnson vehicle have already been reviewed in these columns, and need no further comment.

J. Rosamond Johnson made a good impression as a co-star, who can only shine more lustily when he has acquired the art of dancing.

The next star organization in turn to reach New York was Ernest Hogan, in "The Oyster Man," a new comedy by Aubrey L. Lyles and Flourney E. Miller, with John Rucker as a sidelight in a hostile village. Craig Williams, a new tenor singer, of Brooklyn, made his professional debut with this company, at the opening of the season out West. Miss Carita Day is still retained as leading lady and Al Watts is stage manager.

"In Bandanna Land," the new comedy in which Williams and Walker are starring, up to the period of this writing, had not yet reached New York. Jesse A. Shipp and Alex. Rogers, the authors of the piece, are still with the company. Ada Overton Walker still shines, and Lottie Williams has made a new departure in an original comedy creation this season. Williams and Walker now again seem to be pacing in the right roadway of success and popularity and New York managers can now safely further advance their cause as a Broadway attraction. Bert A. Williams, who, in a limited number of grotesque spasms, is the funniest comedian on the American stage, need not again be blighted, we hope, by any reproof of individuality. George W. Walker has been making noticeable strides as an actor of late. There are also other good qualities about Mr. Walker which would have been better presented before the people had Mr. Walker waited. All good things come to men who wait, and the continued cordiality of Williams and Walker as an ultimatum will bring them much serene felicity.

Black Patti's Troubadours, which is now the oldest high-class attraction on the road, is presenting an entirely new program this season, both in opera and comedy. Madam Sissieretta Jones, who can justly claim the distinction of being the greatest singer of her race, has not only withstood the trying ordeal of variated climate and atmosphere, but has so matured in art and methodical practice that her performances serve as an example in vocal art quite different from a sister artist whose head has been turned by a visit abroad and who has asserted unindorsed superiority as a singer, extemporaneous theorist and a braggadocio. The real second greatest singer in the vocal catalogue is plain Anna Cook, of the Cole and Johnson company, a woman with a perfect natural voice, yet not complete in vocal cultivation.

Salam Tutt Whitney, whose name has been cut down to plain "Tutt" Whitney, is the new Voelckel discovery and latest featured star comedian of the Black Patti company. Whitney made his first reputation as a country star, appearing in "The ex-President of Liberia." Prior to that he was a member of Puggsley's Tennessee Warblers. Miss Emma A. Baynard, who made such a good impression in the Smart Set Company last season, is also a member of the Troubadours.

The Smart Set Company, with H. S. Dudley, has had such a happy repast this season that there is no need of especial comment, except in commemoration of Mr. Dudley's legitimate advancement, and he must ever remain true to his newly adopted standard, if he is to be recorded as a fixed star of the highest rank in the future.

The Georgia Minstrels, with Clarence Powell, is on the Pacific coast. Cooper "the great," a ventriloquist, recently joined the show, and Marsh Craig is still a puzzling wonder.

The Billy Kersands Minstrels, which are doing the South this winter, have been greatly augmented.

Uncle Tom's Cabin companies this season have been subjected to a very careful research. There has been much dissatisfaction with the "all"-white companies in the East, so I advise colored performers not to take any chances on going ten thousand miles away to Australia, where they are not able to get back.

On the evening of October 17 last, Madam E. Azalia Hackley made her reappearance at the Philadelphia Academy of Music, directly upon her return from Paris. While there have been occasions of more importance in the history of star concerts given at the old Academy, she was nevertheless given a fairly good reception. Madam Hackley sang two songs in French which showed that she had greatly improved in vocal expression and facility of style. She trilled nicely, but not with the unlimited force such as I have heard from the organs of Black Patti, Selika and Adalaide G. Smith-Terry, of Boston. After the concert was over she made a speech, and speeches, you know, are so very telling. Then, again, she was hostile to the critic, who had come back to her dressing room to congratulate her. This feature, however, should not hurt her popularity one bit as a singer. It's just mere news, and interested people who worship society stars like something fresh as a newsy topic to comment upon.

We all remember how Mrs. Patrick Campbell, the English actress, invited two critics, who had scored her performance, into her dressing room to interview her—fretful lady that she was—then ordered them out in a hurry, and how the newspapers afterwards spoke of her as "pinky ponky poo," and said ugly things—but still Mrs. Campbell continues on, only she doesn't continue to get all the credit that is due her as an actress.

Mrs. Hackley took it that I had daggered her in an article which appeared in The Freeman under my signature while she was in Paris. She was as angry as Frou Frou ready for friction. But it was an error on her part. The article in question was not criticism; it was one of comment and a good advertisement. I described what would be expected of her on her return, as a woman who assumes to be the greatest singer of her race ahead of public opinion. But Mrs. Hackley will not have her own way altogether regarding what the critic has to say, although much appealing pressure was brought to bear, which has saved her from greater criticism. She must try not to be hasty in the future. She is billed to sing in New York in February, and if she makes a speech, what will the New Yorkers say? Regarding her art, it is just to say that New Yorkers will be well pleased with her singing, but they would no doubt hiss any "exchequer tra la la" that may tend to further remind us of the present winter's frosts.

The importance of having an actors' fund is still a matter of much moment to performers. The advisability of establishing one is especially commended by me, although the day has come when other branches of business would prevent my taking any active part in its establishment. The stage suffers to-day because newspaper men who are chosen to write of the stage are not critics, and hardly know just what to say to aid its perfection. Managers and performers have been too sensitive to criticisms that could never hurt patronage, from the pens of the worthiest writers, who have practically aided them in the betterment of stage productions. Vanity and contempt for critics instead of common reasoning has made the average comedy performance of to-day a disconcerted hippodrome. Actors and managers have been affected with a nervous headache, contracted by worriment and fretting over some slight criticism which the public had long since laughed at and forgotten. White managers have barred a critic from their theaters whose pen had filled their houses. Colored actors have threatened to ostracize their critic from their stage rehearsals, and vain females, of both shades of color, have threatened, by attempt, to eat critics up. This latest bless-abiding habit, though, is all in vain; it can see its finish in the making of new critics, more rash, but more scientific in the future, according to contempt and size of the head of the actor or manager dealt with. Critics need not necessarily sign their names, and the profession should not know who they are if capable judges are to be insulted for public comment on a mere public performance. And as for newspaper proprietors, they can hide themselves, or at least they are all already hidden, in their private offices. If any one of these kicking actors and managers had the chance to be critics, they would be ten times worse than the critic they oppose, and this fact can only be proved by the way these same mangers and swell-headed star actors bulldoze the poor performers around. If the day has come that actors and managers are to dictate to critics and editors, the public as well can welcome the racket, and the people will discover where, at last, the most intelligence lies. As to the colored profession, they now reckon with a critic-editor whose present experience will enable him in the future to regard actors with merciful consideration. This should, from this moment on, assure their cordial feeling toward a man who is under no obligations for business support.

Regarding the proposition of a history, I may later publish one, if I live, if actors of reputation who have to be presented, and some who will be pictured on it, will subscribe when the time comes. Subscriptions would only be to pay for its publication, and not necessarily for the support of the publisher, who feels that we should simply have a stage history. Messrs. Robert Cole and Ernest Hogan will each subscribe $25 whenever we are ready and anybody else subscribes anything, and I will add that all actors whose names are on programs will be recorded in the history, and the subscription price for the history should be one dollar.

Another thing actors should have, even if it takes another year, is a convention, in which Manager Motts should play the most important part. This would formulate a proper routine of things. All these things could easily be brought about if actors would religiously behave, one toward the other, by casting all malice aside and coming together in brotherly love and being willing to be directed by whichever man that possesses the most ability for the executive work. Such a man should be generously supported in the building of a mighty actors' institute. I do not regard an actors' society, formed for the purpose of barring bad performers from getting work, as a desirable necessity. The applications of bad performers to managers for work can never bring disaster to actors who deliver the goods. Eventually, in all of these doctrines, I fear that actors will come to agree with me when I am old and gray or laid away where effort will be too late.

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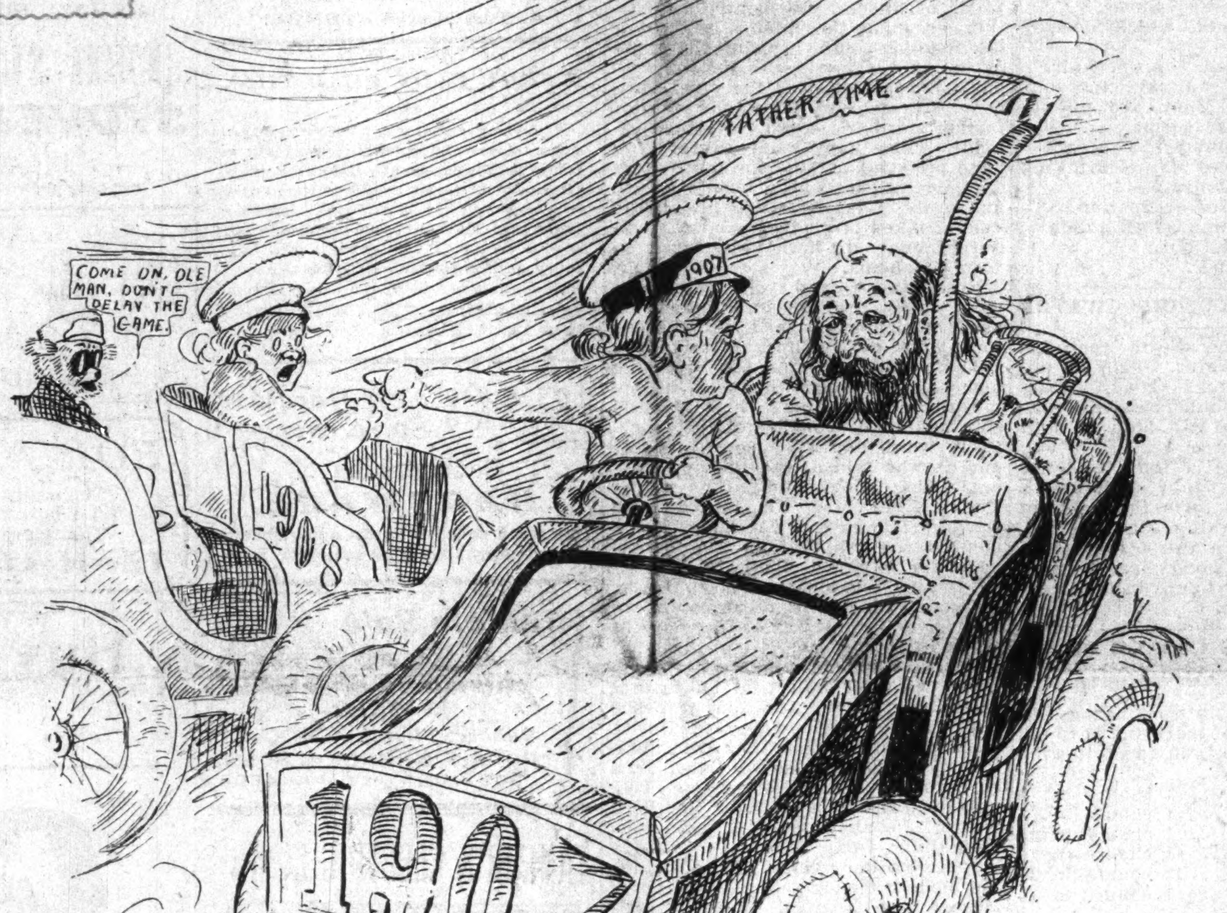

"Say, Old Man, you'll have to take that other car, I don't go any farther."

JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER

HIS PART IN THE ABOLITION OF AMERICAN SLAVERY

THE POSITION WAS A GREAT SACRIFICE

The Great Poet Gave Valuable Assistance As Editor And Orator--Negroes Should Find Much Pleasure in Honoring Him.

The part played by the poet, Whittier, in bringing about the abolition sentiment as it concerns the American slavery is not generally known by the colored people. When they think of freedom, they seldom see more than Lincoln; he overshadows all owing to his mighty role in that greatest of dramas, having to do wholly with human affairs. Nor will the lamented President be sheared of his honor and glory for so successfully uniting the cords of interest that culminated in the overthrow of slavery. Whittier exerted a master force in preparing this condition; he gave peculiarly valuable service, not only as a poet, but as an editor, a prose writer, a speaker. He was different from the coterie that usually surrounded him, exerting a greater influence that bespoke the individual; he was not rabid in intensity, but profoundly sincere; his efforts, his speeches, his words went further because of his poetical temperament; he knew how to shade his utterances; it made him a power.

It was William Lloyd Garrison who interested the young poet in the cause of liberation. Says he, Garrison, in soliciting his service: "The Southern portion of our country is going down to destruction, physically and morally, with swift descent, carrying other portions with her. This, then, is the time for the philanthropist—any friend of his country, to put forth his energies in order to let the oppressed go free and sustain the republic. The cause is worthy of Gabriel—yea, the God of hosts places Himself at its head. Whittier, enlist! Your talents, zeal, influence—all are needed." It is needless to say that Whittier enlisted. It was the place for his restless energy. Up until the time Garrison called him, he had not been interested in the question. It, however, was right in accord with his nature which was at once aflame. He saw the institution in all its hideousness, a monstrous sin, that appealed to all that was best within him. The man and half-god in him stood erect, nor did he fail in any emergency.

He begun preparing at once a little publication, "Justice and Expediency," anti-slavery in character, and which, owing to Whittier's dignified and poetic style, circulated and commanded attention, North and South. He was exhaustive in the discussion of the questions that arose, quoting liberally from the best authorities obtainable in sustaining his contentions. At one time he was a delegate to a National Anti-Slavery Convention, served as secretary, and was one of the committee that prepared the "Declaration of Sentiments." For a long time he served as secretary to an anti-slavery society of New York, after which he became editor of the Pennsylvania Freeman of Philadelphia, and also corresponding editor of the "National Era," both of which were in accord with his views and policies.

Whittier, once engaged, knew no turning back; the spirit of his mission grew on him; slavery grew more and more repulsive as an institution; he was the new John Hancock in the matter of intrepidity and courage. He wrote his name boldly amid abolition affairs, saying he preferred it there to any other earthly place. The cause surged about John Greenleaf Whittier; he was of more influence, yet of moderation and considerate. He valued the confidence imposed, throwing aside other ambitions, that of political preferment, worldly gain—immolating all else as dross on the altar of the common good. His enthusiasm was contagious; others caught his spirit and the cause prospered greatly in numbers. He walked and talked amid his co-agitators, uttering burning words, proving a very Gabriel had spoken of. Everywhere the swift contagion ran. His anti-slavery poems were read, recited in schoolhouses, uttered amid sermons from pulpits, contributing greatly to the anti-slavery sentiment.

His position in the movement was at a tremendous cost to him. Even

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IN THE WOMAN'S WORLD.

BY "DOROTHY"

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THE NEW YEAR

A few short days will bring to us the beginning of a new year. Today, yesterday, tomorrow will be in the past, closed by the ending of the year 1907. Many pleasures and troubles too have been ours no doubt, but for some good purpose we have been left. Resolutions made at the dawn of this year have been broken and forgotten, as well as many of those that we made at the beginning of each day. The business man will take his invoice and close his books, and open a new set, but unfortunately he must carry the balances, the shortcomings of his debtors, to the next year, but we need not carry our errors, but bury them and begin anew. It is such a blessing to have such a privilege

May we be able to see our duty more clearly and perform it with the satisfaction of knowing that we are doing the very best that we can. May we be of more service to humanity, improving the talent that has been given us, whether it be in the household duties or the business world. Let each day's descending sun view some worthy action done.

WOMEN AS SLEUTHS

"An intellectual woman is the smartest thing in the world," said Superintendent Thomas A. McQuaide of the Bureau of Police and Detectives, speaking of the work done by female detectives in Pittsburg. "We have women in this city who can go out on the street and pick out thieves as the best man in the employ of the city.

"We find that women are the most careful students of detective stories, methods employed by crooks and characteristic of these gentry. Inquire at book stores and you will find that detective works have their best sale among women. Women detectives are an absolute necessity to all well-regulated detective divisions. While we do not employ any steadily, we frequently find use for one or more and their work in every respect is satisfactory.

"They are sent out on cases in which a man in most instances would be hopelessly lost In others perhaps the men would have the right track and all that sort of thing, but when the time for the arrest was at hand they might be slightly nervous and therefore more easily bluffed.

"No man that ever lived can approach a stylishly dressed woman criminal with the same assurance as a bright, nervy woman. The women understand one another's characteristics. I repeat that women in my opinion are the best detectives, but their sex unfits them for most of the work a thief taker is called on to perform."

The public is not aware that a woman secures the evidence, because she is saved the notoriety of attending a trial or hearing. The accused persons plead guilty because the woman who exposed her methods has got the evidence and a defense is useless. Superintendent McQuaide and Captain McGough declare that as long as they are in charge of the local detectives women will continue to play important parts in the detection of criminals.

WALKING FLOOR WITH BABY A MAN'S DUTY

Judge Tuthill, at Chicago, after releasing James McDonald, twelve years old, who stole a blanket on December 9 from the back of a horse owned by the Salvation Army, impressed on the father, James McDonald, part of his duty as a parent. McDonald said the care of his three sons had devolved on him since his wife's death.

"It is just as much the duty of the father to walk the floor with the baby and warm its milk bottle as it is the mother's, and the man who shirks this part of his duty is not a good citizen."

"Yes, judge; yes, judge," said McDonald, "but you see I never had to take care of the babies. My wife always did that."

The boy said he ran away from home and stole the blanket because he wanted something warm to sleep in.

CHANCE FOR COLORED NURSES

Training and graduation of colored women as trained nurses is given as the main object of the Booker T. Washington Hospital Association of Western Pennsylvania at Pittsburg, which has been chartered by the Allegheny County Court.

The institution will be the first hospital for colored patients and training school for colored nurses in the State. Well-known white physicians have indorsed the project on the ground that young colored women are natural nurses

BRAIN GYMNASTICS

As a cure for sleeplessness, a medical journal suggests that the sufferer should simply clear his or her mind of everything, and then perform a series of gymnastic exercises which, so it is alleged, never fail to produce the desired effect. Now, if one could stop thinking there would be little difficulty about getting to sleep, and to suggest emptying the mind as a cure for insomnia is very much like telling a person with a cold not to sneeze, or cough, or talk huskily. It is precisely because one thinks that one lies awake, and because one is so very wide awake that one thinks so hard. As to performing gymnastic exercises in the dead vast and middle of the night, there are not a few of us who would infinitely prefer insomnia to the remedy.

TO LIVE A HUNDRED YEARS

(Sir James Sawyer)

Eight hours' sleep.

Sleep on your right side.

Keep your bedroom window open all night.

Have a mat to your bedroom door.

Do not have your bedstead against the wall.

No cold tub in the morning, but a bath at the temperature of your body.

Exercise before breakfast

Eat little meat and see that it is well cooked.

(For adults.) Drink no milk.

Eat plenty of fat, to feed the cells which destroy disease germs.

Avoid intoxicants, which destroy these germs.

Daily exercises in the open air.

Allow no pet animals in your sleeping rooms. They are apt to carry about disease germs.

Live in the country if you can.

Watch the three D's — drinking water, damps and drains

Have a change of occupation.

Take frequent and short holidays.

Limit your ambitions.

Keep your temper.

SHOULD DRINK MORE WATER

One-half of the world feminine drinks too little water. They do not know what a real, good, healty thirst is, and should cultivate one by using plenty of salt both in their food and its natural state. It will take the place of a tonic. If the woman who has flabby flesh and a hollow chest will form the habit of eating plenty of salt meats and fish, thereby creating a thirst for water, she will take on good, healthy flesh nd round out her figure in an astonishing short time.

A WOMAN'S CHANCE OF MARRYING

At different points of her age a woman's chance of marrying is found to be approximately in the following ratio:

15 to 20 years......	1 chance in 7
20 to 25 years......	1 chance in 2
25 to 30 years......	1 chance in 5
30 to 35 years......	1 chance in 6
35 to 40 years......	1 chance in 27
40 to 45 years......	1 chance in 40

THE WAY TO ENTERTAIN

How shall we entertain? asks a writer. Joyously! Pleasure is contagious Remember, hostess, every house has its climate; some are in the torrid, some in the temperate, some in the frigid zone. Remember, moreover, that you create the climate of your house. More important than the style of your dress, the ordering of your banquet, the setting of your table, is the mood in which the appointed hour of entertainment finds you. When the door bell peals to the ring of the first arrival put aside all thoughts of how you look, how your drawing-room looks, how good, bad or indifferent the dinner may prove; banish every care, meet your guest with a happy, contented look.

NOBLEWOMAN "CHAUFFEUSE"

Widow of Barrister Begins Career as Driver of Motor Cab

Berlin's first "chaffeuse"—a Hungarian noblewoman named Frau von Papp, widow of a formerly wealthy barrister and gentleman farmer—has begun her career as driver of a taximeter motor cab.

She secured her police license on Thursday after an exhaustive test, during which she demonstrated her adequate knowledge of local geography and of the art of steersmanship. Accompanied by two police experts, Frau von Papp, who is a handsome middle-aged brunette, piloted her cab skillfully through the most crowded traffic centers, winning warm praise for her coolness and judgment.

Clad in regulation blue tunic with a black and white leather cap and a blue overskirt, she cut altogether a dashing figure, and hopes to reap large profits in fares and "tips." She says she has chosen the profession of cab-driving because she needs the money.

Mrs. Caroline M. Severance, organizer of the first woman's club in the United States, lives in Los Angeles, Cal. She is eighty-five years old. In 1860 she organized the New England Club of Boston, and was president of that institution for three years. Mrs Severance is still active and as much interested in affairs as she was half a century ago. She has an autograph book of priceless value, containing the signatures of a great many famous men and women.

The servant problem in England does not appear to be any nearer solution. The British housewife lost and the Australian mistress gained sixty English, Scotch and Irish girls when the steamship Miltiades sailed from Tilbury recently with its first contingent of servants for New South Wales, under the government-aided emmigration scheme. One of the conditions was that the girls must be actually engaged in domestic service, and the passage money asked for the sixteen thousand mile journey was $15. As a guarantee of good faith, a deposit of $10 with the government has been made by each girl. On their arrival in Sydney, a little before Christmas, they will be met by a representative of the government, and most of them will at once go into places already found for them

COLLEGE HEIGHTS.

The President has said the word and Oklahoma, like some new-born world that has been set a-whirling in space, is off on its mission of statehood. It has joined the great sisterhood of commonweaths, fully prepared in those things and requirements that give promise of a very brilliant future. It is fitter and better in waiting its day of eligibility. Thes low and tedious process incident to the making of most states were not the portion of Oklahoma; it sprang, as it were, from the head of the great god Zeus and was at once, comparatively speaking, ready for the race. The new State is great in natural resources, iron, coal and other minerals, that are the more useful commodities of man. Here is the virgin forests that have not heard the ring of the ax; its wilds teem with the offerings of nature—a table spread, verily; the streams that are big with the finny creation, which leap the silvery cascades as children at play. Truly here is nature's banquetting scene, and one is slothful indeed if he hungers amid this bounty. Here is the path of the sun at his best in his never-ending round—just beyond its northermost confine, the tropis of Cancer, providential in location, escaping the intense heat of a few degrees south, insuring the clime of the purple grape, the lucious melon and peach, besides the great variety of grain and vegetables known further north or south. Most happy land! Thice hapy land! Surely you have prepared a table for the oncoming generations, whose shouts of joy and peals of laughter will fill all the vale in token of gladness and content. Surely some are born great; it is so with Oklahoma.

Restlessness and discontent, in most cases, are the forerunners for good. Oklahoma is made up of those that were not willing to tbide the phlegmy old ways of the erstwhile homes; or perhaps the arux of untoward circumstances had pressed sore and hard—goading to the quick, as it were, and they sought relief; and as was said of the Pilgrim Fathers, "what sought they thus afar?" The answer was, "a faith's pure shrine." Theirs was a religious movement, strictly speaking. The movement for enlarged liberty and activity is also religious; all good moves, all good things are religious, if we will have it that way. They sought a more perfect peace, a more tranquil and congenial community whereat to work out their industrial and moral salvation. So far the god of peace has attended their ways; prosperity coming as if the thing had been foreordained. Thus those restless spirits of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Missouri and other Southern States, together with a generous sprinkling from everywhere, have unionized their zeal, ought of which the modern wonder—the very head of Zeus. The Negroes of the States cited, and of the country generally, have been no less active in contributing to the upbuilding of their El Dorado.

Amid this theatre of plenty on the bosom of this plain nestles the city of Guthrie. What has been said of the State applies to that city. In fact, more could be said of its prospects, standing the entreport of a vast section, with its vast resources present and to be; it promises to stand out like letters in relief. Here are already 30,000 inhabitants enjoying the first fruits of their industrial victory. Among these are several thousand Negroes who have been no laggards in the movement.

But it is College Heights in particular to which we wish to call your attention. It is that beautiful suburban town of Guthrie; being adjacent it will partake of the same benefits. College Heights has been beautifully platted; alolwances have been made for public schools and other public buildings that are usually the slow growths of communities. Other facilities incident to up-to-date cities are already provided for, making College Heights an inducement which should be well considered. The managers are very anxious that colored people become purchasers of the lots which are selling at low prices at this time, and simply as a matter of introducing the locality. The thrift of Guthrie insures livelihood to those entering the section. You run no risk in going to College Heights. Everything is in your favor. The sentiment of the community is fair toward the colred people, insuring justice in the courts and general consideration. Farm lands are near and may be purchased on easy payments. It is the colored man's opportunity. Will he seize it, or will he let it pass? College Heights is growing, why not grow with it? For further information address Geo. L. Knox, The Freeman, Shiel Block, Indianapolis.

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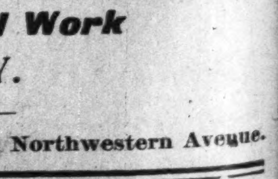
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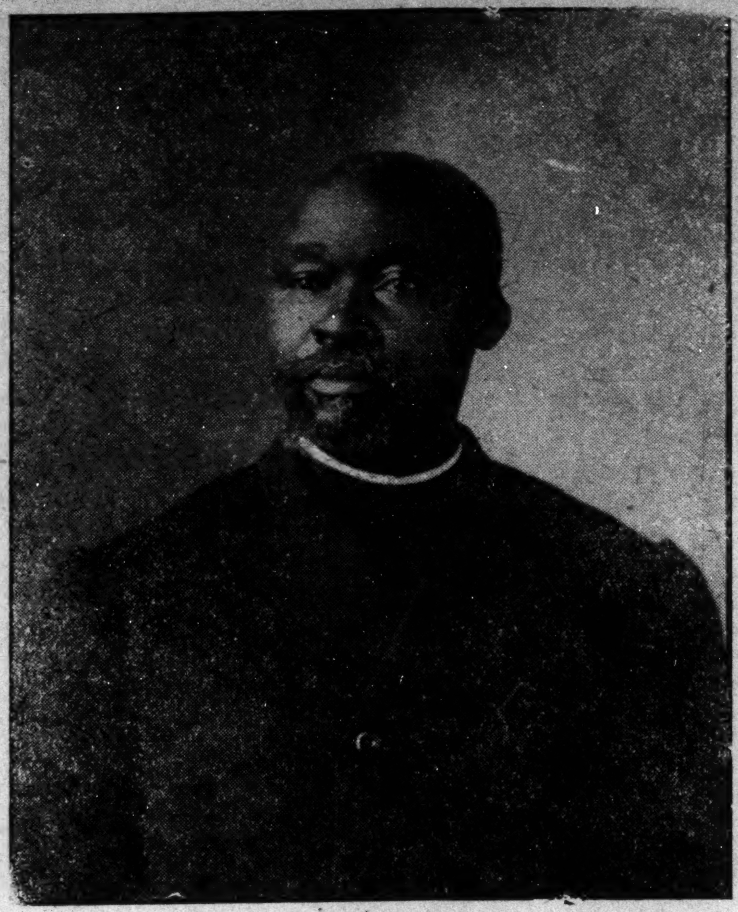

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The subject of this sketch is Georgia's candidate for promotion to the bishopric at Norfolk, May, 1908. A man of high moral type and greatly beloved and respected by the people of his state; a churchman in the highest sense of the term. An able pulpit orator and humorous platform speaker of fixed character, yet kind and approachable, with excellent business qualities. Has edited and managed an excellent newspaper for fifteen years. He received the endorsement of his state for this high honor four years ago and was popular with all sections of the church. His friends believe that had any bishops been elected, he would have been among the lucky ones. Dr. Smith springs from the best of North Carolina stock, robust, healthy, physic, with stately and manly bearing, self-made and self-educated, loyal and honest to the core. A man who always has the courage of his conviction, it is never any trouble to find out where he is on any question. In voice and pulpit eloquence he compares favorably with a Ward or a Wayman in their day. It is the united prayer of ministers and laymen of the great A. M. E. church in Georgia that the General Conference will elect him bishop at Norfolk next May. Dr. Smith has given the church thirty-three of the best years of his life, has stood in the thickest of the fight, doing noble service on the field and in the forum.

Educational Etchings.

Walter S. Buchanan, a graduate of Tuskegee Institute, has been elected principal of the Corona Institute at Corona, Ala., to succeed Prof. J. R. E. Lee.

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Emmett J. Scott, secretary to Dr. Booker T. Washington, underwent a successful operation for appendicitis December 10th at the Tuskegee Hospital. Drs. Daniel H. Williams and John A. Kenney were the surgeons in charge.

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"The Story of the Curry Institute" is the title of a book just issued. It is illustrated with high-grade halftone cuts, printed on an extra quality of paper and well bound. The proceeds from the sale of this book go for the support of the institute.

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Prof. Kelly Miller, of Howard University, dean of the college department and instructor in mathematics, is looming large these days. Prof. Miller is one of the best thinkers in this country and is rapidly coming into his own at the hands of the press and people.

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A new roof has been placed on the main building of the State University at Louisville, Ky. The enrollment has filled the dormitories, but President J. R. L. Diggs has leased a brick building near the school for the accommodation of the overflow.

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Dr. E. S. Lee, the leading druggist in Topeka, Kan., whose establishment ranks with the best in the country, is organizing a class for instruction in pharmacy, to supply the growing demand for competent Negro pharmacists by the many colored drug stores in that section of the country.

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Architect J. A. Lankford, of Washington, D. C., has completed the plans for the first three buildings to be erected at Hillsboro, N. C., as the nucleus of the new Bible Training School projected by Dr. James E. Shepard and for which he is collecting the necessary $10,000. The architect's plans indicate that the school will be up-to-date in every particular.

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An appropriate site is being sought for the colored annex to Berea College, Berea, Ky., made necessary by the passage of the Day law requiring the separation of white and colored students in the schools of the State. A proposition is being considered by which the Eckstein Norton University at Cane Springs, not far from Louisville, may be used as the said annex.

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Rev. Dr. C. H. Parrish has declined the proffered presidency of the Virginia Baptist Seminary at Lynchburg, Va., and will remain in Louisville, Ky., where he is pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church and president of the Eckstein Norton University. The place has been filled by the selection of Rev. G. B. Howard, a leading Baptist minister of Petersburg, Va.

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Prof. James H. Dillard, dean of Tulane University, New Orleans, will probably accept the position of general agent of the fund for rudimentary education, founded by the late Anna T. Jeanes, of Philadelphia. Prof. Dillard is a Southerner who is deeply interested in the education of all the people and his selection is looked upon as a wise one.

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Dr. B. P. Brownley, candidate before the State Board of Pharmacy, for a certificate entitling him to practice pharmacy in the State of West Virginia, led the examination over sixteen candidates, only three of whom were colored, making a percentage of 93.5. Dr. Brownley is a graduate of the pharmaceutical department of Howard University, class of 1907.

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W. Walker Hall, a former student of the Baltimore Normal School and a graduate of the class of 1906, has been awarded a scholarship at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. It is said this is the first scholarship ever awarded to a colored student by this college. Mr. Hall won the Harrison prize for the second year and the Cushing gold medal for the third year.

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Rev. E. M. Jones, field agent of the Board of Education of the M. E. church was recently arrested in Birmingham, Ala., because he was walking on the street with a colored woman. He was so fair that he was suspected of being a white man. The arrest is regarded as an unpardonable outrage and further action may be taken to secure the ends of justice in behalf of Dr. Jones.

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The school that Rev. J. J. Smallwood is establishing in Virginia is being built on the very spot where the first Negro was sold after the landng of the first slave ship at Old Jamestown. Old Bagley Hall, first built there in 1624, and used as an old slave sales-house from 1624 to 1865, is now being rebuilt by Negro skill at a cost of $7,500 and will be ready for occupancy as an institution for learning for Negroes by January 5th. Indeed, times have changed!

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Twenty-five Negro students are enrolled in the high schools and seven in the colleges of Des Moines, Iowa. The Iowa State University has eight colored students, seven young men and one young woman. The young woman, Miss Beulah Burton, of Red Oak, bears the distinction of being the second Negro woman ever enrolled in the State University, Mrs. Henrietta Jones Underwood, of Albia, who left in her freshman year, having been the first.

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Rev. G. B. Howard, the distinguished pastor of the Gilfield Baptist church, Petersburg, Va., was elected president of the Virginia Baptist Seminary at Lynchburg with a salary of $1,500 and residence. Rev. Howard has had many years experience in the pulpit and has built a number of fine church edifices during his pastorate at Charleston, W. Va., Pittsburg, Pa., and Charlottesville, Va. It is believed that great prosperity will come to the school under his management. There are nearly 300 students in attendance and an excellent report was made by Mrs. Rice Hayes, acting principal.

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For the purpose of administering the trust created by Anna T. Jeanes to Booker T. Washington and Hollis Burke Frissell of the $1,000,000 endowment fund, known as the "fund for rudimentary schools for Southern Negroes," articles of association have been filed with the Secretary of State of the "Negro Rural School Fund." The principal office is to be in New York City. The directors are: Hollis Burke Frissell and Robert R. Morton, of Hampton, Va.; Booker T. Washington, of Tuskegee, Ala.; William H. Taft, of Washington; George Foster Peabody, Andrew Carnegie, Robert C. Ogden, Walter H. Page and Geo. McAbeney, of New York; James C. Nappier, of Nashville, Tenn.; Abram Grant, of Kansas City; James H. Dillard, of New Orleans; Robert L. Smith, of Paris, Tex.; David C. Barrow, of Birmingham, Ala., and Samuel C. Mitchell, of Richmond, Va.

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Exit 1907. Debut 1908.

A most beautiful speech—Senator J. B. Foraker.

More love, more joy, more peace during the new year; less strife, bickering, malice, envy, spite, during the new year.

The forbidding of Negroes and Indians to marry, by the Legislature of Oklahoma, is the most malignant bit of tyranny.

One gets the impression, when reading T. Thomas Fortune's letter, that his price for the New York Age was mostly in notes.

A merry Christmas and happy New Year to all, hoping the year's trials will be fewer and less arduous and that the triumphs be greater and more significant.

If some of the States had consciences perhaps they would also be touched when reflecting through the miniature judgment os New Year's evening.

A little getting together, talking over the deeds of Abraham Lincoln, on January 1, will be sufficient to keep green his memory. Lincolns are not born every day.

The Richmond Planet does not think the educational status of Howard University will deteriorate under the presidency of Rev. Dr. Wilbur Thirkield Patterson. It bases its opinion on his notable inauguration address.

Senator J. B. Foraker's recent speech at Cleveland was very cleverly worded. As an appeal for the return of the good old days, it was a prodigious affair. It goes without saying that he knew what to say and how to say it.

For behind the gift is the giver; what ought we care about intrinsic value? If love depended on size of gift, the very poor would also suffer in that quality. Right happily, it is not that way. An automobile does not measure the extent of love. The widow giving her mite gave most, saith the Lord, because she gave all.

So for various reasons our "watch-dogs" of the sea have put off for the Pacific. Some of the reasons for going, as given sound sensible, others equally foolish. Those of the world interested in knowing how we stand as a naval power know all right enough. We won't have to turn our neck feathers backward on that account.

Governor Hughes, of New York, is now in the very center of the limelight. The closest scrutiny has discovered that he is of great mind. His somewhat repelling disposition keeps back the onrush of partisans, yet it is said that he is making headway. He refuses to angle for the presidency, but like the good, sensible man that he is, he will take it if it comes along his way.

From indications, the race papers have concluded to pass up so much politics or else the game has worked past most of them. Some of both one will believe. The usual headline preferencess for presidential nominees are not seen in these days. They at least told the way the wind was blowing. Most all are now as mum as an oyster—nothing to give out. Delegates are to be selected soon; it is not a very long waiting-period.

Some insist on putting the King of the Christmas period out of business simply because he is a fiction. Why not banish the story books? They are also fiction. No one would think of such a calamity purposely brought on. It would be very much if the sun was blown out to the material world. There might be some sort of happiness without pleasing fiction. Yet one can not readily conceive of what it could be like.

The Negroes of the country are for Joseph Benson Foraker, says the Enterprise, of Omaha, Neb. We take it for granted that it means that they are for Senator Foraker, for President. But that's too much to say. We appreciate the Ohio Senator, all of the Negroes, and many ought to declare for him, and indeed many more should than do. It would not be good policy for all to declare for him, whatever his act. If the Ohio Senator is a candidate, he will doubtless be greatly encouraged by the Negroes.

Among the things the Dayton Observer "Would like to see," is George L. Knox, of the Freeman, occupying a seat in Congress. If the talk is more than wind-jamming, we are pleased to acknowledge the compliment, since we take it to mean under the restrictions worthiness. It will be remembered that Mr. Knox had a run for Congress not long since, when he found many of his folks also running—that is, the other way. If the Dayton Observer had of been here, it might have been different, judging by the splendid zeal shown.

Oklahoma is essentially Southern, but for all that, it is a mighty good country, according to reports. That jim crow laws are being introduced is simply carrying out the well-known program of the section. The condition is to be deplored there, as it is elsewhere, but we should not feel particularly disappointed because the white men of that community acted as white men do in all Southern communities and where conditions are similar. All of the wrongs are registered under the one great head and as such constitute the race problem.

Again we call attention to the observation of some day in memory of the immortal Lincoln. It goes without saying that we have been careless in regarding so great a friend to the race. Some attempt is made now and then to honor his memory, but there has been no oneness, no unity. Several days have been observed as the proper Lincoln day, but January 1, seems to be the most appropriate time. From all indication this day will be generally observed this year.

Rev. Dr. L. G. Jordan, secretary of Foreign Missions of the Baptist church, was recently in the city. He expressed himself as favorable to the day and said that he was doing all he could to make the date one of general observing. We have said that the great hurrah sometimes noted were not necessary; more often it were harmful since it seems to exhaust things for years to come; when a plain simple observance will be anticipated each year, thereby gradually leading up to the greater occasions if they at all become necessary.

The memory of John Greenleaf Whittier was generally honored throughout the country. Tuesday of this week, the 17th, was the anniversary of the birthday of this poet, who above all, most fully subscribed to those conditions said to be the qualities of the true poet. He, unlike his contemporaries, waged war against error and wrong in low and in high places, including the monster wrong of the country. Others when singing, sang of liberty in a general way. Whittier was most specific. He leagued himself with the abolitionary spirits of the times—hence, both worked and sang for the overthrowing of a blighting institution.

We have a feeling sometimes that we are hopelessly lost, viewing it from an industrial standpoint. Of course, it is so, if we choose to have it that way. When we get to thinking right about our industrial prosperity, we will soon discover that the fault is in ourselves. In our community, this community, we have some 30,000 people. If they were of a mind, they could have in operation at least one of every known kind of store, one of every known kind of institution where young men and women might be employed. There has been notable improvement, however, in recent years, but nothing in keeping with the opportunity.

Now are the days of vows; some will be kept for a little while, others for a little while longer, and some will be kept for all time. At any rate, whether for shorter or longer period, some good will follow. As it is said of kind words; they are never lost, so it may well be said of kind deeds; they are never lost. It will not be absolutely necessary to do all the many things we promise ourselves to do in that there be results. One kind act may turn the tide in one's fortune and which may lead to victory. Of course it would be infinitely better if every promise were kept; it would mean that the greater spreading of the red glow of life. The unfortunate can stand much more of the sun of affairs, which means good speech, kind consideration, and which are not always extende.

The police are still hauling in the "crappers." Not long since a pot of white men devotees of the colored man's game was corralled by the officers of the law, who, by the way, do not seem to be playing any favorites. The game seems to be fascinating to a dangerous degree. Those engaged are much like individuals in an opium stupor; can't fly until the police walk right in and lay on hands—it is then too late. n the excitement there have been some marvelous attempts to get away. This is most notable among the colored players, the police succeeding in detaining those they can hold in their hands. Improvised exits and otherwise are well patronized during one of these scares.

Not long ago a train of cars lumbering across the country run down a party of "crap" shooters, actually killing them. The many dangers lurking about—workhouse and the chances of losing all of one's money—would seem to make it a very good game to let alone.

By a recent law in Oklahoma the whites and Indians are permitted to marry, but not the Negroes and Indians. This seems a case where discrimination and restriction have gone very much too far. It is quite enough that the whites and the Negroes be legally declared socially unequal. There is not much protest over that sort of thing, since neither blacks nor whites are interested in demanding a law of social equality. But when it comes to two dark races, it should be different. More than likely the Indians have not demanded a law protecting them from social encroachment on the part of Negroes. The whole business of interdicting marriages is extra-officious, not founded on reason, but on prejudice. It is not a good, wholesome law principle, according to the genius of our government, which does not seek to regulate matters that are purely social. It is the law of might, and aimed at the humblest set of folks the sun ever shone on. And it is only a question of time when such laws will simply cumber the statute books. Gross wrong will not endure forever, although by legislation. Legislated wrong is no better than any other kind. Jim Crowism and all the rest of it will yet go where they belong.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

New Year's Day, in one respect, is worth a hundred ordinary days and also many Sundays. Inspection of the past is the order, and by "general conscience," who at this time is at his very best. When the individual concludes to turn on conscience there is always something doing. Shakespeare has it, that conscience makes cowards of us all. Conscience dictates the rule of conduct, and the more freely it may assert itself, the better the chances for good individual government. Infallibility is its prerogative when not struck down by some powerful agent, shifting the angle of observation. Even then it is right according to its law of creation, and which we in our intrenched position speak of as perverted. The good, the bad, the indifferent, are practically of the same conscience. The indifferent and bad are not so readily influenced by it. But it is doubtful if it has ever slept even when the basest acts have been committed by the basest men. Certain enough it is not storming as a battering ram, but it is there and at some time, it will make itself felt. The persistently bad are simply deaf to the entreaty, grown used to the pleadings—they are of no avail. The man in the machine shop is not annoyed by the terrible din of noises—he has grown used to them. Are they there? The seared conscience is as the man of the shop. He hears and he don't hear.

On New Year's Day, or the night preceding, seems to be the time when most people of their own accord become reflective, when most consciences are trying the acts of the year. The fact that there is no compulsion beyond spiritual self, makes the investigation more rigid, more honest; of hroacwn hrluetaoisnhrdlu honest; for who can hide from one's self? No form and fashion nor pharisaical tendency, being seen of men; it is a sackcloth and ashes affair. The long year has been strewn thick with broken half resolves, uttered owing to this petty trial and that petty tribulation. No deep reason for them, consequently they were of early ab solution. Incidentally, of course, there are reasons for deep rooted resolves during the year. Those that have seen death in their homes, distressing sickness or have suffered from some great calamity otherwise doubtless have changed front in their affairs. Such disasters, however, are not general and the unafflicted are not brought to a common altar. Nor, in the course of ordinary affairs, can general misfortune obtain. Yet the world must have its touchstone of grief, or at least its image that it does not get too far in part from those that are also a part, all of whom are commonly enjoined to "love one another." In the death of the year is suggestive of the greater cataclyms of life, when one is reminded of his own passing. One is possessed with some such feeling as when he hears the desultory, gong-like tones of a funeral bell, the soul feeling to shrivel up as incapable of the hulk. We are as so many Beyshazzers for the moment, interrupted of the feast and "mene, mene, tekel," etc., is its own interpreter. What makes the evening of the New Year bigger with meaning is because it follows so close at the heels of the Christmas period when all were full of the wine of the moment. The ordering could not have been better. It teaches that in the midst of life we are in death; it teaches that we also be ready and so forth. It is a preachment without words, when, on that night, the pent up noises burst their prison houses preaching, a miniature judgment—"Who shall be able to stand?" Deeds, good and bad, come trooping by, the unfailing conscience as court will not yet fail, still commending unto better ways.

WHAT 'TWAS ABOUT.

We are now entering the mysterious days of the year when each home takes on a most ghost-like appearance. Shadowy forms are seen slipping and sliding about, stumbling over you, ere you are aware. Surprises and counter surprises are the game, looking forward to the eventful 25th when there be general cannonading to the destruction of batteries. Then is the realism of what it was all about, so it will pay to move as cautiously as possible, guarding your own kopje, until all is ready for business. Imagination of great strength will not be required to tell what is being planted for the men. What goes to them is a mere matter of form. The proverbial box of cigars, the sox, the tie; and violence is done the occasion if the imagination carries much further. The children will be bombarded with everything imaginable, as it should be, Santa Claus and his faithful allies will do the business. The women will prosper as they always do; they have already served notice, and the men have long since got busy. The panic fell short of doing much harm, and as usual, we are in the age of bundles. Bundles to the right of them, bundles to the left of them, and ocasionally on their heads. The thing is by reversal—the later in the day, the greater the deed—business done of late hours, is the way it should read, as though we were of the land of the Aurora Borealis—or the midnight sun. The Alice in Wonderland stunt is being done right along, and a very bedlam reigns. Should an inhabitant from Mars or Jupiter descend on us amid this season, he would be very queerly impressed, and should he wait a few days in the meanwhile, having no intimation of what it was all about, he would again be impressed and would be inclined to seek that dear Mars or Jupiter again, owing to our seeming idiosyncracies.

DEMOCRATS WILL GO TO DENVER

The Democratic National Committee has voted to hold the National Convention in Denver, Col. One naturally is curious to know why that far Western city should be sought, rather than a more central location. It is plain enough. Money talks for conventions as it does for most things. Denver offered the longest purse, some $100,000, a very tempting bit, and whose quality was simply irresistible. So Mr. Taggart and among them concluded that there was nothing else to do but go and get the money.

The Democratic party is a great proposition; it is so strong that it keeps the Republicans guessing and fighting to keep it out of power, yet it is remarkably weak in presidential timber. Mr. Bryan is a great, good man, growing more popular right along in a way, but it appears that the party should have plenty of Mr. Bryans. The Republicans are surfeited with riches in that respect—presidential timber. The Democrats are correspondingly poor. While that party is advertising its poverty of resources, the new voters are taking notice; they are suspicious of a party that is without men of ambition, and that seems to ail it, or else the leaders have a method in their seeming indifference. The Negroes have been looking around since the little misunderstanding, but they see no hope in a party where one man is the whole show.

The Democrats will go to Denver to make nomination for Vice-President and to ratify the nomination of Mr. Bryan for President. Bryanism, however, has vastly improved in these latter days, and if ones conformity to the doctrines of the many and especially of those who do things, Mr. Bryan is in a much better condition for running than he has ever been. His new attitude or his new positions on the great questions have recommended him to what was heretofore an irreconcilable element in his own party. At no time has he lost his hold on the masses, these forces welded together will be something to beat.

But Democracy along with the masses have been won by the Roosevelt gospel, and which in no sense reflects on the incumbent of the White House. The Roosevelt gospel is a preaching to the masses, for the masses, nor is it especially against the classes except in that it interferes with their "ancient" privileges. To declare against trusts as it affects the standing of the individual with either masses or classes when such a stand is taken by such an individual as Roosevelt. It is only a stand—no law, mind you, or there may be no law—the probability of a law following and in accordance with the idea advanced is what makes all the bother. Nor are men so much concerned about the possibility of a following law. They want to know if you see it as they do. It is quite sufficient often that you do see it that way. To put it different—a moral victory is won. Men sometimes do not care for more than the victory of opinion. Of course, the third term disclaimer by the President puts him out of the running, yet he may show his fine Italian hand by having some one succeed him who is not opposed to his views. Or it may happen that the Convention finds such a man regardless of the President. In which event, Mr. Bryan would not prove such a fetching quantity. This fact added to the scarcity of available men for Presidential consideration, does not greatly advance the chances of the party, notwithstanding Mr. Bryan's personal standing.

SHE SINGS OF LINCOLN.

"Aye, he signed that Declaration,
Freed the Negro's life from sin;
Aye, that noble Christian Linclon,
Signed it with a feather pen."

The above lines by a young lady of Fisk University are at least full of the understanding; she has the Lincoln zeal which is shown in the effort to fittingly honor the great immortal. Of course, there will be differences of opinions as to the merit of the verse, which by the way, is one of several. We, ourselves, quite agree with the writer that Mr. Lincoln "freed the Negro's life from sin," unless she has in mind the higher notion of sinful existence—by a sort of reversion permitting the sinful state of civil sin to stand as the condition from which the Negro was snatched.

That he "signed it with a feather pen" is rather a prideful expression, and which evidently the writer had a sense of poetic joy in writing. However, it, to us, is not so full of poetry as the preceding line, where she says, "Aye, that noble, Christian Lincoln," and it will be noted that "Lincoln" rhymes very well with "declaration," as antagonistic as they start out to be. But perhaps another verse should be given, just in order to catch her scope:

"'Twas not prayer alone that did it,
For the boys in blue came in
On the stage of bloody battle,
And each had a sword, not pen."

The above is a recitation of facts, of historical aspect. Her climax beginning in the second line, hurries properly, as we think it, through the second line. but here it fails to follow up the advantage, through "on the stage of bloody battle," (although she might have selected another word than stage, it appears to us), to the last line including it. But instead of that the last line is just a trifle tame. But another verse still:

"Can you not rejoice, my brother?
That though we may not be kin;
Such brave hearts stood up for freedom,
Just the same as Lincoln's pen."

We were inclined to be puzzled just as to whom were addressed. But we think that she had reference to white people with whom she was not kin, because we race people acknowledge kinship right along. The lines are pleasing and fluent enough. The last line, however, gives a little too much life and character to the inanimate pen. Don't mean to say that the pen is never characterized as a thing of life. No more beautiful and truer expression than "The pen is mightier than the sword"; both of those inanimate things are endowed with life, or they are figures standing for the things signified. But when the pen stands up for freedom, the thing is a little startling, vivid. We are impressded with the thought of it standing up without a writer anyways near, and yet we know she did not mean it that way; she meant it in the other sense, where it is stated that the pen is mightier than sword.

With more patience and application the writer will surmount all seeming inconsistencies, and if thus diligent, here is the victory. This one thing: she has done reverence to Abraham Lincoln. The intent has been fulfilled and it is that which counts among men with hearts aright and always with the Maker.

SECRETARY W. H. TAFT.

The candidacy of Secretary of War Taft has not been very favorably considered by the Negroes since the unfortunate Negro soldiers' happening. The disaffection may or may not be considered very serious, at least to the extent of putting him out of the running. But he has much to do in his own state if he expects to make a showing in the convention. Senator Foraker is a most consumate politician and while with all of his ability he may not reach the goal, yet he can make it decidedly unpleasant for Mr. Taft. The Secretary has poor prospects, also, in the State of New York, where there were seemingly based on the supposed influence of the President in his behalf. With his own State uncertain and with no hope for New York, Mr. Taft has been given a blow that is staggering. Already the Negroes have declared their unwillingness to support him; as before stated, the disaffection may not be held serious, yet it is a handicap that will loom up in the days of the convention.

As we view it from a race standpoint, Mr. Taft has done no particular mischief. Of necessity, he stood with the President in his order dismissing the soldiers; here he was the victim of circumstances and which should not be held a matter of special sinning. His speeches later on touching on the elective franchise were judicial in phraseology, entertaining in coloring or sotthing ingredients, the very unusual when candidates for favor appeared before the people. Mr. Taft, however, was prepared for the consequences, making it clear that he would not profit by his exposition of the law on the contested points. Here again he was put at a disadvantage in not boldly standing for the rights of Negroes as seen and urged from their viewpoint, and as had been customary. Mr. Taft contended that the States could regulate in the matter of the elective franchise, just so the rules were indiscriminately applied. The Negroes insist that they are being defeated of their election privileges under what purported being laws in accord with the Secretary's version. Evidently something is wrong; they feel, and they also feel that palliatives extended the South for what was wrong at least permitting harmful results, were not the expected, since Mr. Taft had cognizance of the evil. No matter about the fairness of the exposition, the Negroes know that they are not voting when they should be voting, relying on Mr. Taft and others like him to make the condition so that they could exercise the full privileges of citizenship. If he did no particular harm, he did no particular harm, he did nothing to make conditions better, hence, the opposition to Mr. W. H. Taft; it is the way it is viewed.

JOHN CREENLEAF WHITTIER

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in the North the ultra abolitionists had no political prospects. Though he wrote in the tongue of angels, he yet breathed of the man, and when not so, still there was the man; his reputation had preceeded him and the Whittier of the day, was Whittier, the abolitionist, rather than Whittier, the poet. The publications were moulded to suit the patrons, and he was not in accord with the many. He was in constant danger of violence. At one time he held a meeting in a garden because public halls, and churches could not be had for such purposes. He had been assailed with decayed eggs, sticks and in various ways suffered indignities, being forced in instances to seek safety in flight. His Philadelphia publication suffered the fate of the Liberator—a mole destroyed it, and again he sought safety in flight. This time he found it necessary to disguise himself, so great and determined was the opposition. Not until in 1857, when he was employed on the Atlantic Monthly, could he depend on regular and liberal remittances.

His many poems in the cause of freedom and his activity otherwise gace him a most formidable place in the cause of freedom. Nor will it be forgotten that his writings otherwise measure up to the very best productions that are classed as literature. He took on the whole armor, and in which respect he was different to his contemporaries, most of whom had very little to offer to the cause of freedom. As to his class, he stood fairly alone, battling away as if Whittier himself were in jeopardy, using his God-given powers without stint. Whether praised or unpraised, he sang and worked, worked and sang, until the day of fulfillment was at hand. The Negroes should find it a a pleasure to give his memory a leading place when showing reverence to those that wrought greatly in their behalf.

RUSSELL'S ANNUAL REVIEW

(Continued from first page.)

Attention must now be called to the valuation of The reeman stage department and what its columns have done to aid the colored profession. Eighteen years ago the late Benjamin F. Lightfoot, a young tragic actor of exceptional intelligence, and the only stage critic the colored race had at that time, begun a good work, which was carried on by the present writer after his death. The new Knox administration continued the policy of this newspaper with great cordial satisfaction, especially to the minstrel element, which had been its chief support. The Freeman at once engaged the writer on the merits of his advanced knowledge of the profession at large. The intelligent, foremost actors of the colored race now openly admit that The Freeman has therefore been the most valuable acquisition to the colored profession, with its stage page, its critic and criticisms, its cheap advertising columns and the good results derived, its comic cartoons by Garfield Haywood and some by George Fletcher, and the cordial but somewhat impossible endeavor of Manager Elwood C. Knox to please everybody, of any newspaper ever known. I therefore bespeak for this publication a great voyage of success for the year of 1908, and advise all performers of every description to give this newspaper their heartiest support, and thereby be able to see the big advantages to be derived by each actor in so doing. It is not a question as to whether the newspaper must cater to the whims of any particular actor or whether it can or cannot live without their support. None of these questions cut any figure at all in the case of individuals who think their money importance or dictation has any bearing with the general throng in business life. All classes of actors should now cast all these false theories aside. Be men. Be unaffected by class or individual like or dislike, and patronize The Freeman because it is best suited to your cause of professional race advancement.

In conclusion, in this review of actors, let me counsel the white people of America who may read this worthy epistle. There is a great wrong which many white managers are doing to this country, for the sake of a few dollars, far worse than any other race-hatred breeding device in existence. If the production of "The Clansman" is to be continued in the North and tolerated by the Northern people, when they won't have it in the South, then the North can welcome what the tongue and pen of the foremost Negro intelligence will have in store for their conscience. If the popularity of this most inhuman, ungodly play is not completely crushed by the white people of America before it goes to Europe, then Europe must receive it as a menace to their country from a land of caste corruption. America must remember that within her own borders, and with the combined powers of the outside world, a disconsolate spirit hovers over the open grave of a few mischievous dramatic breeders of color misanthropy. So the American people must now, if ever, begin to feel that the race is not always to the swift nor the battle to the strong, and while America is swift and strong, the country may not always remain so by trampling on the slow—for the Negroes are much slower than the Irish to resent injustices and race insult—but the weak and slow may be able to endure, by the help of God, to the end. The good work of improvement, then, must begin with American managers; their coming responsibilities will be great, but the cause of mankind is greater. The wild waves tell us "The Voice of the Great Creator" dwells in the mighty tone.

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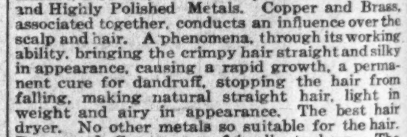

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P. G. Lowery is now on his farm visiting his mother. His principal sport is hunting and horseback riding.

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Eugene Clark, who was seen with the Van Amburg Shows the past summer season, is now with Fred Lems' Big Sensation Company. They filled an engagement at Paris, Ky., on Christmas day.

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Fidler and Shelton, in "Suffocated with Delightness," now in vaudeville, desire to be remembered to all friends in and out of the profession, wishing them a happy New Year, Rockefeller's wealth and Jim Jeffries' health.

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Bradley, Miller and Freeman are still making good with their act. Miss Daisy Miller met her friend, Miss Tilly Cotton, with the "Smart Set," while playing in Chicago. They are still on the Henderson Circuit. They send regards to Billy Arnte, "Funny Folks," "Rabbit Foot" and others.

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Homer Rogers, a member of a minstrel troupe traveling in the South, was hanged by a mob in Morehouse Parish, and his body riddled with bullets. It is said that Rogers resented a remark made by a white man, saying that he was "a Yankee nigger and did not take any impudence."

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Believing that bill board advertising, particularly that of show advertising which displays chorus girls in negligee attire, is detrimental to the public in more ways than one, the West Richmond (Ind.) Improvement Association has drawn up a resolution against such displays in Richmond.

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The Hamburg-American Steamship Company has leased the largest theater at Hamburg until April, 1908, for the purpose of providing its employes with high-class operatic and dramatic performances. Employes earning less than forty marks weekly are admitted free. To others the charges are nominal.

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The Great Georgia Minstrels, Mr. E. L. Davenport, manager, have been playing through the State of Oklahoma to standing room only, and are now in the State of Texas, and are doing the same. Ver Adams is the stage manager, and is handling nothing but the late stuff, changing the entire show three times a week. All are well, fourteen in number. The leading performers are Stack Moore, Fuller and Fuller, Adams and Adams, Bass Singer Bam, Buckner and Buckner, the Scotts, Lewis Wiley and Iver Wiley, the feature show of the company. On Thanksgiving they were in Lawton, Okla., and had a fine Thanksgiving dinner.

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A "command" to play before the King is always appreciated by actors, but the honor of taking a company to Windsor or Sandringham is an expensive one, says the Dundee Advertiser. First-class railway tickets are provided by his majesty's secretary, but everything else has to be paid by the manager. These expenses include special scenery to suit the improvised stage, the carriage of properties and dresses and the cab fares for the members of the company, who always arrive in London at an unearthly hour, when "growlers" are few and far between. Sir John Hare's recent appearance before the King cost him about $4,000.

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A circus vaudeville and musical combination was formed by the three most foremost managers under the general management of P. G. Lowery, supported on both sides by James Wolfscale, manager of the Cole Bros. vaudeville, and J. E. Adams, manager of the Great Norse and Rowes Vaudeville Annex. The object of this is to protect our people by demanding first-class accommodations and keeping the salaries up to the standard. We also pledge to protect ourselves and management by not engaging any one who has engaged to another show or has been discharged with a dishonorable discharge.

NEGRO THEATER IN STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.

Mrs. R. L. Pannell has done something in Staunton that has never been done there before in the history of the city. The white people of the city built a new opera house, and, after they completed it, sent out papers saying no Negroes were allowed. Then Mrs. R. L. Pannell, being a lover of her race, bought the old Mt. Zion Church and improved it a bit, turning it into the opera house known as the Assembly Hall. The hall was opened December 5, 1907, to Davis' Minstrels. Davis' Minstrels have made the Assembly Hall famous. Mrs. Pannell had Mr. Lun Davis, the manager, to make a return date to Staunton during Christmas week. She has also bought stock in Davis' Minstrels.

THE DANDY DIXIE MINSTRELS.

Every member of this company at this writing is well and hearty. Business is, as ever, good. Mr. Voelckel jumped from the Black Patti company to join us at Hot Springs, and spent an enjoyable week with us. He claims that he is well pleased with our show and hopes to meet us again at New Orleans. He left us at Shreveport, La., to join the Patti show. It is a pleasure to say that we were the first colored show to play the Green Walls Theater at New Orleans; and now, just think! the week of January 19 we open at the Shubert Theater, a house that has never allowed a colored show in it. We feel as though that's going some, and our proprietors, Messrs. Voelckel and Nolan, and also our manager, Mr. H. D. Collins, feel proud to think they have a show able to play such houses.

Mr. Williams, our principal comedian and stage manager, has the show in the best of shape. Mr. James Crosby, the tall talker, is working harder this season than ever before. McAllen, the wire walker, has added to his act new tricks which improve it wonderfully. Master Budie, the child wonder, doing thirty-five different buck steps, along with his coon songs, is a wonder. Arthur Prince, the great hoop roller and juggler, is a show within himself. Williams and Stevens, comic impersonators, are compelled to respond to curtain calls nightly. Montrose Douglas, trick bicyclist, finishing with his wonderful wheelbarrow feat, leaves them screaming. Our last act staged by Mr. Williams, and music by Mr. E. B. Dudley, entitled "A Fowl Deed," is another scream from start to finish. Our show as a whole is above the average. Happy New Year to everybody.

SUCCESS IN SOUTH.

Lunford Davis and his band are making a big hit throughout the State of Virginia. The roster is as follows:

Lunford Davis	Solo Cornet
Wm. H. Mayfield	Solo Cornet
W. T. Howard	Solo Clarinet
Sam Lemons	Solo Tuba
H. Q. Pope	First Trombone
T. G. Mitchell	Second Trombone
Harry Hart	First Alto
Jerry Martin	Second Alto
H. L. Rawles	Baritone
Clifford Wilford	Bass Drum
Wm. M. Moore	Snare Drum

Lunford Davis sends regards to P. G. Lowery and all other friends. Wm. H. Mayfield sends regard to all friends. Wm. M. Moore sends regards to Mr. and Mrs. Scoot and all other friends. H. L. Rawles sends regards to P. G. Lowery, Mr. and Mrs. Scoot, Wm. Powell and all other friends in and out of the business. Wishing a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Holmes and Ennis are making a big hit with their double buck dance, and send regards to all dancers in and out of the business.

Will Murdock is making a big hit singing "1800," and sends regards to all friends in and out of the business.

BENBOW'S VAUDEVILLE CO.

The show has passed its twelfth week of success at the vaudeville house at Pensacola. Mr. Benbow is trying to make it one of the strongest houses of its kind in the South. Alberta Benbow has recovered from a recent illness and is again at work, and sends regards to Carrie Williams, Mable De Heard and other friends. Pat Conwell sends regards to the Jackson brothers; William Benbow sends regards to Billy Young, the Allen bunch and Paul Carter.

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J. W. Hamilton, who was with the Howard McCarver Big Southern Comedy Company, has closed a very successful season, having retired on account of ill health, but has now recovered and is open for new engagements. Mr. Hamilton is a baritone of ability.

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Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Howard have just closed a very successful season with A. D. McPhee's Uncle Tom's Cabin Company, and are spending the holidays with their parents at Cairo, Ill. They will open shortly in vaudeville. Regards to all friends.

THE FAMOUS BILLY KERSANDS MINSTRELS

We have just emerged from the Crescent City, leaving quite a respectable reputation. We are more than proud to gratituously acknowledge the same from all the leading papers of the city. All readers of The Freeman will be able to agree about the comments of the citizens of New Orleans this season as well as previous season.

The Tramps Social Club, Dec. 6th represented by Paul Steele, stage manager of the Elysium Theatre, presented Mr. L. D. Henderson (alias "Slim" Henderson) with a gold-headed cane as a symbol of their appreciation of Mr. Henderson and his masterly work as comedian.

Mr. Kid Langford and the Tony Trio, and our great minstrel king, Billy Kersands, are the prime factors with producers. The Tonys are considered as having no peers in their line for the American stage.

On Wednesday, Dec. 4, Miss Toula J. Morrison, a friend of Mr. Jas. H. Wilson, our cornet virtuoso, gave a reception in his honor. The affair was quite an elaborate one, and was attended by some of the elite of New Orleans. The majority of the guests invited was a select crowd of Creole belles. After dinner had been served Mr. Wilson was called on to render a cornet solo, which he did in a pleasing manner. Long live Miss Morrison and her friends, and may she always think of Mr. Wilson as one of her dearest friends. Among those of the company that did him honor by their presence was Mr. E. L. Miller, trombonist.

Regards to all friends. Happy New Year to all.

WHAT THEY FOUND IN THEIR STOCKINGS.

Several airships found.—Ernest Hogan.

A few real Teddy bears for Miss Fannie Wise.

A ten-story hotel at Chester, Pa.—S. H. Dudley & Son.

The desired amount of letters received by P. G. Lowery.

Harry Krayton handed deanship of Negro critics of America.

A leading lady position handed over to Miss Margurite Ward.

A happy awakening in Indianapolis for Joe and Sadie Britton.

Harry Fidler wakes up as head of big Western hotel—maybe!

A gold nugget of hits for "Sugar Babe" and Cole and Johnson.

A letter of friendly feeling from J. Ed Green to Sylvester Russell.

A brand new home of their own at Philadelphia, Pa.—Mr. Homer Tutt and wife.

Engagement extraordinary—the five musical Byrons at the Hammerstein Theater, New York—mayhap!

Caught with the real goods and sentenced to be commander-in-chief of the army of fun.—"Tutt" Whitney.

A letter of congratulation from The Freeman for advertisement not in her columns, to Cooper and Robinson.

A full booking for the next two seasons and the book called "Negro Performers in America" issued.—Carle Brown Cook.

BLACK PATTI TROUBADOURS AT NEW ORLEARS.

In smile extraction the Black Patti Troubadours proved successful at the Dallas Opera House to the degree that the smiles sometimes went to pieces in merry peals of laughter, or, as some might say, speaking more candidly, in loud guffaws.

It is not intended to intimate, however, that last night's show was other than good, for containing, as it did, "an oath, a tear and a bit of jaw," particularly the latter, and fitted with a comedy part that permitted the principals to jam into jokes and then ooze out, the production was worth while.

In "Prince Bongaboo," a musical comedy in one act, Homer Tutt and Sir Enry Nervine, otherwise known as W. A. Cooke, were very acceptable. Whitney was of the first magnitude, dealing in stellar terms. Some of the songs were "Dagone, I'm Happy Now;" "Prince Bongaboo," "Running Wild," and "The Lady of Quality."

Sissieretta Jones, styled "Black Patti," sang very acceptably and was received with favor. The ensemble singing was also good.

English gave an excellent exhibition of hoop rolling. King and Bailey, in "comicalities," and Whitney and Baynard, in society "conversationalism," found favor.

SIDELIGHTS OF PEOPLE IN THE SPOTLIGHT.

By Charles D. Marshall.

A Tutt Incident.

A TUTT INCIDENT.

A few days ago a little incident happened to Homer Tutt, one of the principals of the Black Patti Troubadour Company this season, that is worth noting. Mr. Tutt went directly to a theater, in a little town in Texas, where his company was billed to make a one-night stand, to supervise the "o'chestra" rehearsal in a song he features.

During the rehearsal Mr. Tutt took exception to the playing of the cornetist. "It seems that you are going to throw me down, the way you play that piece, my friend," says Tutt. When the young actor suggested a change, the fellow with the "blow instrument" replied: "Say, feller, I am playing this as it was hummed to me. I don't play by note, but I do by air. Our leader whistles how he wants me to play, you understand."

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The Wilsons.

Al and Mabel Wilson, who are playing over the Eastern Circuit of burlesque houses this season, are two people who are rapidly coming to the front as clever performers by methods that are worthy of much respect. One of their best methods is to give the public an act of merit in originality and work out such lines that will please all the people. Perhaps there are no two people who enjoy the appreciation of managers, critics and theater-goers in the way that they do because of their very modest and assuming ways off of the stage. They are simply home people in their style and manner. They have not that stiffness of character so often recognized in most of our actors. They want you to feel that they have known you for many years and that you represent a genuine friend of theirs, even if it be the first meeting. Also, it might be said that they are strictly "genuine friends" to each other, if you are to regard the following:

Some years ago, when Al and Mabel made their first visit to New York City, it happened that after the opening performance the pair in some way lost track of one another for one whole blessed night.

"It was this way," said Al, laughingly. "I was first to get dressed for the street. I walked to a near-by corner to wait for her, believing that she would not remember the way to our hotel. Minutes and then hours went, and yet I waited, but to no avail. Finally I went back to the theater, which I discovered had been closed, and to my surprise I learned that it was past the hour of 4. On becoming excited, I asked every officer and passer-by within any distance whether they had seen any one wearing skirts that even looked like they were lost upon the streets. Weary when daylight came, I returned to my hotel, only to find that Mrs. Wilson had been there for hours, almost overcome with nervous prostration and using every means possible to discover what had become of me."

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P. G. Lowery—Letters!

Prof. P. G. Lowery, the well-known bandmaster, undoubtedly receives more letters than any other person in the profession, and as to what is the nature of the letters—well, what does it matter if they are not all about business transactions? What has that to do with his getting letters? Of course, the most of them are backed in dainty hand-writes, and yet that does not signify that they are love letters or anything close to that. Just letters—that's all. And you should see him read one of them if you want to see a happy, smiling face—one that you don't see every day, a face that will do you good to see if you are sad. What's in the letters? you may say to yourself. Who wrote such a letter? Well, that's it, possibly; it may not be what's in the letter, but just think of the person who wrote it. Every one who writes must be all right, for he smiles as he reads every one of them. Each morning, afternoon and evening he does so, for he has them to read in abundance at each time. Nothing more happy than—P. G. Lowery and—letters!

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Brown and Brown—Week of Dec. 30, Family Theatre, Davenport, Ia.

Black Patti Troubadours—Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 30; Pine Bluff, 31; Hot Springs, Ark., Jan. 1; Prescott, 2; Hope, 3; Texarkana, Tex., 4.

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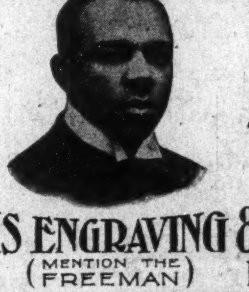

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SPORTING GOSSIP of the WEEK.

M'FARLAND-MURPHY GO IS SET

Packy to Fight Tommy Twelve Rounds According to Report

Packy McFarland and Tommy Murphy are matched to fight in Boston on January 7. This match, which has been under consideration for some time, was clinched yesterday. The Armory Athletic Association, a new organization which promises to rival the Boston A. A., is the club staging the bout and it will be the feature of the opening card. The club is located in Boston proper and it is expected the bout will attract a tremendous crowd in view of the great popularity of the two boys.

The match is made for twelve rounds, the boys to weigh in at 133 pounds at 3 o'clock on the day of the contest. The only thing left unsettled is the question of the referee. This is because Harry Gilmore, Packy's manager, demanded that the club wait until he arrived before deciding upon the third man in the ring.

McFarland has long wanted this match. Murphy called off a contest with him at Indianapolis a couple of months ago, claiming illness, and ever since then Gilmore has been trying to get a crack at the Harlem lad for his protege. It is likely that before Packey returns from the East he will take on a couple more good matches.

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The Johnny Coulon-Kid Murphy bout seems to be on again, as Charlie Bartson, the Peoria promoter, yesterday wired and raised his offer for the match from 40 per cent of the gross to 50 per cent, and it was at once accepted by the managers of the men. Coulon is in Chicago and has been training right along, but Murphy is in New York, though he has not stopped working. He will arrive from the East a few days before the contest, which is slated for January 8.

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Hugo Kelly is not having the trouble that some of his friends expected making the weight of 154 pounds for his match with Bill Papke at Milwaukee. Instead of that he has been forced to let up in his work because he was reaching the notch too rapidly. Curley Supples, who is training him, took Kelly off the job for a day this week, as Hugo was down under 155 pounds. Hugo was given a day to blunt the edge of his condition and then set back to work. Now he is just right to make the reduction gradual and thus save his strength.

LEAGUE MEETING A SUCCESSFUL ONE

Magnates Form Temporary Organization—Officers Are Elected—Much Spirit Is Aroused

On last Wednesday, December 18, a large body of representatives of the leading baseball teams of America met in the office of The Freeman for the purpose of considering plans for a national baseball league. At this initial meeting a temporary organization was effected in which the following officers were elected: Frank C. Leland, Chicago, president; Edward Lancaster, Louisville, vice-president; Edward S. Gaillard, Indianapolis, corresponding secretary; Cary B. Lewis, Louisville, secretary; William Roberts, Indianapolis, treasurer, and Charles Marshall, Indianapolis, organizer. A committee was selected to draft a constitution and report to the next meeting.

As many more delegates were expected, the meeting was delayed until late in the evening. After the call of the meeting was read, Cary B. Lewis spoke at some length on the proposition. He stated that the number present was the assurance of there being a great possibility of a national colored baseball league formed. He said that he believed that there would be very little trouble in getting the required backing.

Preceding Mr. Lewis's address, a large number of letters were read that promised sympathy and support from fans all over the country which gave the delegates much encouragement. Following the reading of the letters all phases of baseball were discussed by various persons. One of the most important topics of the meeting was the idea of forming capital and as no direct plan could be derived at it was carried over until a future meeting. No action was taken as to the schedule, daily, semi-weekly and weekly games being yet to select from. Just now it is hardly likely that the games will be played daily, although many are in favor of such. It was asked of every fan present to devote every means possible to make the next meeting, to be called by the president, one that will complete all plans for a regular season of league ball playing of colored teams. William Roberts of Indianapolis felt that, if it were found impossible to organize a national league, he believed that it would be a very easy matter to form a league composing Western teams and it was the sentiment of the body to try the latter if the plan of forming a national league failed.

The meeting brought many sportsmen together and was the talk of the town during its sessions here. Of course there were many who stood on the outskirts and predicted failure from the start, but the delegates who attended came with such a strong determination that more enthusiasm than was expected was aroused. It was a meeting that could not readily be understood because of its being new to the Negro sportsmen; yet something that has been talked about. In the discussions some of the delegates explained so thoroughly and clearly, as they understood, how well the finance would be protected and equally how profitable it would be to each stockholder that every one present was willing to invest what they could toward the support of the league.

It was hoped that an early call for a future meeting would be called in order that everything might be "cleared up" for a successful season in 1908. Every one was requested to work out a plan of their own and work with the knowledge of the officials elected. Also every one is asked to extend invitation of membership to every baseball supporter in their vicinity. Suggestions will be recognized and gone over by the committee to be selected by the president, on constitution.

The League Will Not Fail

It was understood by every one present that the thing of failing to organizing this league was not to be known; that if one plan failed, another could not. Every effort possible will be put forth to have the league in working order by the beginning of May, and should that fall through, a later date will be set.

BLACKBURN STOPS MORGAN IN THE THIRD ROUND

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 20.—Jack Morgan, of Indianapolis, a newcomer in the East, who has the reputation of giving Bill Papke a hard battle, made his Philadelphia debut at the Industrial Boxing Club tonight, when he met Jack Blackburn, the colored phenomenon, in a bout which was scheduled to go six rounds. Early in the third Morgan was blinded and such a gory wreck that Referee Durlacher stopped the bout to avert a certain knockout.

Morgan hardly lived up to his advance notices, but it must be conceded that he had courage to face the most formidable fighting machine in the country for his Philadelphia coming out, a man who has consistently been avoided by the white fighters because of his amazing defense and hitting powers. Morgan was outclassed in everything but gameness.

Morgan Fails With Right

Blackburn darted in and planted his left and right without a return. Morgan, who is rugged and strong, tried hard to penetrate the mulatto's defense with his hard right-hand swing, but the frail Negro was too shifty. Blackburn had height in his favor, but the weight favored Morgan by a distinct margin.

Blackburn started in to make a jabbing fight of it from the start. He landed a dzoen or more such blows and Morgan's efforts to counter were generally vain. Once Blackburn crossed his right to Morgan's face and blood started from a gash under his left eye. This seemed to be the turning point of the bout.

Morgan landed to the body and head, but near the close Blackburn twice staggered the Hoosier with stiff lefts to the chin. Blackburn started the second by flooding Morgan with jabs. Morgan felt the sting of the blows and fought back desperately. He landed on the head and body, but the blows never landed fairly.

Once he rushed Blackburn to the ropes, but the latter blocked his leads. Then Blackburn renewed his attacks and weakened Morgan with an overworking left. Morgan's face was covered with blood and he could scarcely see.

Bout Is Stopped

While they were close Blackburn suddenly drove a short right to the chin, which shook up Morgan from the knees. Morgan was so dazed that he turned to his corner, thinking the gong had rung. Blackburn took no unfair advantage, but waited until Morgan had been chased back to the center of the ring by his seconds, when he worked his left again.

When the bell finally rang Morgan was in bad shape. Blackburn in the third led with a left jab that opened Morgan's face again. He crossed his right and Morgan bathed in blood, sent a right to the body. Blackburn jabbed again and Morgan's wounds flowed so freely that his eyes were blinded by the blood. Referee Durlacher stopped the bout.

GOSSIP OF THE BOXERS

Indian Joe Gregg, the redskin who recently blew into Milwaukee from this city, started training yesterday at the Great Milwaukee gymnasium. Gregg says that Frank Mulkern, who is looking after his interests, has several matches in sight for him.

They say that Ketchel was so much up against it before the Marysville fight that he had to train on coffee and doughnuts. If there is anything in this report, we would recommend coffee and ringlets to some other fighters that we might mention.

Maurice Sayers and Fred Welsh, the well-known English lightweights, were matched to meet in the windup of the Milwaukee Boxing Club's show at the Terminal Building Jan. 17. E. F. Carson, who is taking care of Welsh's interests, signed articles for the Englishman.

Tommy Lee will meet Tommy O'Keefe in a six-round battle to be held before the Industrial Athletic Club of Philadelphia. Lee was to have fought O'Keefe Thursday night, but the bout was postponed. O'Keefe is considered the best boy in Philadelphia at 130 pounds.

Tommy Ryan, who has announced his retirement from the ring more times than any other pugilist in the profession, has been heard from again. Tommy still thinks there is another good fight in him, and on that account he has issued a challenge to meet the winner of the Papke-Kelly fight for the middleweight championship title. As Ryan has been out of the game for years the club managers will probably ignore his challenge.

SMALL TALK OF MEETING

The promoter of the league, F. C. L., ought to be tied up for recollection.

Cary B. Lewis, of the Louisville Courier-Journal, showed up splendid as an orator.

Elwood C. Knox looked on, said little, but seemed ever eager to want to do something helpful, being an old-timer in the box.

Edward Lancaster was satisfied with everything, just so it pertained to the forming of the league.

When the telegram received from Wilkinson of St. Louis was read, every one cheered.

William Roberts was for real business and less talk. Roberts wanted things started immediately.

WANTS MEETING IN FEBRUARY

Bill Parker, an old-time ball fan, says that the next meeting of the league should take place in February, either at Indianapolis or Louisville. He thinks that everybody could be ready to attend then.

WILKINSON SENDS TELEGRAM

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 19, 1907.

Sporting Editor The Freeman:

Prepared to go in the organization and fully able to back one end. Owing to sickness in family, unable to attend. I hope you will recognize me as a member if meeting is still in progress, let me know. Will try to be there last of the week.

A. W. WILKINSON.

GIANTS WANT TO ENTER LEAGUE

RICHMOND, Ind., Dec. 20.—Members of the Giants Baseball Club, a former well-known and successful aggregation of colored players, are watching with interest the effort to organize a league of colored clubs, and if circumstances are favorable will make an effort to get a franchise. Previous to the organization of the Indiana-Ohio League, the last season, the Giants furnished the chief attraction that Richmond had in the line of baseball.

MOSES BOTTOMS IN LINE

Moses Bottoms, who runs a saloon at the corner of Senate avenue and North street, is one among the interested and found time to say that he would take a share in the league. Mr. Bottoms has recently returned from a trip to Kansas City, Kan., New Orleans, St. Louis and other large cities of the country. He tells many interesting stories concerning his trip, which one could bear to listen to as long as they last. The trip has added much to his health, as he has gained much in weight. He now has a jolly word for every visitor and finds time to entertain you at length.

Lafayette C. Coleman and June Pettiford have opened a first-class "coaling station" at 802 West Walnut street, where a general supply of wet goods can be secured. Mr. Coleman, who is the proprietor, is a well-known citizen and enjoys the honor of having a good many friends throughout the city that he would be pleased to see at all times. June Pettiford, manager, is one person that everybody knows and likes, so June invites them all to come any old time and see him.

LEAGUE DOES NOT FEAR OUTLAWS

There are several teams in various sections of the country who have managers who are rankly against the idea of forming a league because they fear it will damage their business in more than one way. We hasten to state that by joining the league they will better their condition. A greater part of our best ball players have already stated that they will not sign to any team that is not in favor of the league. Right here at home we have a manager who seems to want to dodge the project. Should he do so, it is my opinion that it will do him much harm. Of course the league fill promote better business on all sides. If you are wanting a regular Sunday game with protection, then it is your business to attend the next meeting. Do not stand back and say you do not like the ideas of the league before you find out what they are. It is not going to do anybody any good to try the outlaw business. You must come in.

B. K. L.

SOME SPORTING COMMENT

By Charles Marshall

George Memsie came out with a challenge last week that really looks good to everybody. It is a challenge that ought to make Packy McFarland or Battling Nelson either speak or spit. Memsie announced that he was ready to make 133 pounds ringside and battle for the lightweight championship, offering a side bet of $5,000 on the contest. What seemed so interesting to me is that the challenge was directed at Nelson. Can we forget how often in the past has "Bat" Nelson argued the weight question with Gans and others and how often he has boasted of his ability as a fighter undefeated. We wonder what will be his excuse for not meeting Memsie or will he have any? It should be remembered that Nelson is much like O'Brien, ever ready to meet the dub and dodge the pugilist.

Jack O'Brien is still up to his old game of fighting dubs. Recently he picked out a dub by the name of Bill Hucron (never heard of before) and whipped him in a way that a policeman would attack a newsboy. After the licking O'Brien had the nerve to say that he had broken his hand and no one was surprised, even though he had agred beforehand to sign papers to fight Jack Johnson. Like Burns he fears Johnson, and will make any excuse in order to sidetrack Johnson. They all fear Johnson, because they are satisfied Johnson is the real superior of them all in the heavyweight division.

Sam Lanford has defeated Barry for the third time, showing that he promises to make trouble for all the heavyweights. Lanford, it seems, may be a match for Johnson before long if he continues to down the heavies as he did Jimmy Barry at Los Angeles recently. Lanford is fighting as he never fought before, and to think of it in the heavyweight division. Only a short time ago he was fighting in the welterweight class. He may not be the man that Jack Johnson is, but it is safe to say that should he be matched against Johnson, he would put up a stiff fight.

The time is not far distant when Jack Blackburn will be the recognized champion lightweight of the world. Slowly but surely he is gaining ground every day of his life. Every fight is a victory for him, because he has the ability that no other present-day fighter has, not barring Gans. They can tout Gans, McFarland, Memsie, Nelson, Herman or any of the rest up all they want to, but his ability as a fighter is bound to show up in superiority and that soon. Blackburn is the halest of them all.

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"Well, sir, in the sixtieth round the Jackson men were frightened to death. They knew I might stay there a week and finally win. I would, too, and had my mind made up that if it took me a week I'd beat the colored fellow.

"The referee called us up in the sixtieth round and said: 'Corbett, what's the matter, are you hurt?' I said, 'No, and if I was you don't think I'd tell you, do you? This is a finish fight, and we will fight our own style.' Jackson said there was nothing the matter with him, and he was willing to go on, but in the next round they called the go off, the referee leaving the ring.

"Imagine two big fellows going 61 rounds. Surely it was a bit slow, but it was a question of endurance. One of us was bound to tire, and we were both out to win. They called that go 'no contest' to save the Jackson bets and also the purse, but all I got was $2,500.

"I don't know what Jackson got, but he wanted to meet me at the same place again. I offered to fight him in New Orleans, where he had an offer, but I couldn't get him to see it. The California club was good enough for him, and he had all the big men with him. I was properly skinned and it was the last fight ever held there."

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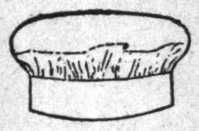

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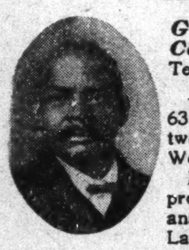

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Secretary Taft has made a "home run."

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Anyhow, the "Black Hand" is not a Negro organization.

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The question of the hour: What are you going to give "her" for Christmas?

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Money would not be so "tight" if you would loosen up that death-like grip on yours.

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The worst enemy to action is he who postpones action, after the situation is ripe for action. "Do it now."

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The defeat of Fitzgerald for mayor of Boston was a "black eye" for the Boston Guardian.

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It may now be stated for the benefit of all inquirers that there is probably no further runs in Grover Cleveland.

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To cherish malice is to poison the well-spring of your own happiness. In the language of the street, "forget it."

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This is the best age the world has ever known. No truly live man of today talks about the past as "the palmy days."

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Battling Nelson has backed out of the proposed meeting with Joe Gans. The melancholy Dane knows when he has been licked enough.

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We are wondering if the Niagarites will charge that $50,000 Carnegie library building for Howard University up to the "pernicious activity" of Booker T. Washington.

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Dr. Washington goes to Boston and stays as long as he wants to, without so much as asking a "by your leave" of the Williams-Monroe-Trotterites.

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If anybody charges that we have been hoarding money, we shall have no difficulty in establishing an alibi and securing a verdict of "not guilty."

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Kissing is a dangerous habit—when the wrong folks get mixed up in the business. A Newburg woman is suing a man for $15,000, alleging that he kissed her twice against her will. $7,500 per kiss is rather steep in these days of financial streingency.

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The press gang is having fun with the Roosevelt boom. They put him on the track one day and take him off the next. The innocent victim of this Flannagan-like "Off agin, on agin, gone agin" policy sayeth not one word.

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If Andrew Carnegie can manage to get hold of some of the Negroes who loaf around the bars of the nation's great cities, he is welcome to them. It is likely, however, that neither he nor anybody else regards them as desirable citizens.

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The assertion that Governor Chas. Evans Hughes has no love for party bosses or manipulators will not increase his popularity with the fellows who regard campaign times as the harvest season for raking in the shekels from confiding candidates for "fixing things" at the primaries, etc.

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Anyhow, the Negro Department of the Jamestown Expositon "got by" without rubbing up against a receiver. Not a dollar of the $100,000 was misappropriated; no scandals were aired; nor did the concern at any time lose—or change—its head. Mind that, ye knockers!

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John Greenleaf Whittier, the "Poet of Freedom," was remembered everywhere on his 100th birthday by 10,000,000 grateful Negroes. We cannot too often renew our spirit of veneration for the heroes who gave the best that was within them for the liberty that we now enjoy.

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The Boston Guardian is proving itself to be a poor political guesser. It "fell down" in the fight against Governor Guild; it got beautifully left in its struggle against the Jamestown Exposition, and now it goes glimmering in its stand against Postmaster Hibbard for mayor. Comment is unnecessary.

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Editor George C. Clement, of the esteemed Star of Zion, has quit the highly improper and vanity-tickling habit of designating them as "Mrs. Bishop," etc. We knew he knew better. His elimination of foolish titles, where they have no pertinence, shows real courage, in this day of absurd title worship.

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The tendency of our people is to house too many individuals in a given space. If we have a fairly large house, instead of allowing the family to have some elbow room and necessary privacy, we proceed to take in all of our kinfolks and feel that to sleep less than four to six in a room is a waste of valuable space. Quit it!

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You can't lose Indiana. Harry S. New was in Washington the other day presiding over the deliberations of the Republican National Committee, looking as joyful as a boy with his first pair of long pants, and now comes Tom Taggart, wearing the "smile that won't come off," handling the gavel for the Democratic National Committee.

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We were startled to see a headline in a daily paper saying "Chase will be good." It was a false alarm, however. The item was simply a reference to the recalcitrant first-baseman of the New York ball team, and gave no rash assurances as to the performances of the distinguished editor of the Washington Bee.

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The Negro spends his money in this country. Instead of living on next to nothing and hoarding up his earnings to carry back to his European home, as does his alien neighbor, the colored citizen buys a home, is a good spender at the stores and keeps money in circulation. No wonder that shrewd and far-seeing philosopher, Andrew Carnegie, wants more of them!

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If the Negro's weakness for liquor has brought about the prohibition wave throughout the South, let us hope that he will get on the "water wagon" at once. Yet, the people who are benefited by the stronger respect for law and order should not fail to give the poor black man full credit for the reform he has inadvertently inspired. "The Lord moves in a mysterious way," you know.

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The Y. M. C. A. spirit is leavening the whole lump of race development. Ground has been broken for a $100,000 building in Washington. Norfolk has just closed a successful campaign for $2,000 to pay off her indebtedness on her building and to make certain improvements. Portsmouth, Va., a neighboring city, raised $12,000 in twenty days for a Y. M. C. A. home, when only $10,000 was asked for. Keep it up!

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Lawyer J. E. Hawkins, of Seattle, Wash., tenders the colored people of the country a cordial invitation to visit the great Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition in 1909, but says there are not enough Negroes in that vicinity to make a special race exhibit expedient, nor enough anti-Negro sentiment to make a vindication of our talents necessary. Seattle is a section of God's country and Lawyer Hawkins adds that people who have to live elsewehre are only "camping out."

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The life of a Negro is not worth much in Baltimore, when the individual at fault happens to be a high-toned white man. Frank S. R. Brown, son of former Governor Brown of Maryland, ran down and killed a colored man named James Grinnell with an overspeeding automobile. The coroner's jury exonerated Brown and blamed Grinnell for being in the way. The Browns paid some money to the bereaved wife and children and imagined they were doing the handsome thing by them—and the community goes its way complaisantly.

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Dr. Hugo Grosser, Chicago's retiring municipal statistician, has discovered that Boston is a wickeder city than Chicago. In Boston 83.7 persons out of each 1,000 of its population were arrested for various crimes in 1906, whereas the proportion in Chicago was only 44.8. Boston has 29.5 policemen to every square mile, while Chicago has only 17.6. Boston, where the saloons are strictly regulated, has twice as much drunkenness as Chicago, which is said to be rather "wide open." The relative influence of William Monroe Trotter and Julius F. Taylor (Broad Axe) upon these statistics in their respective cities is not given.

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The Grand Lodge of Stringer Masons of the State of Mississippi, through E. E. Perkins, treasurer of the Masonic Benefit Association, have purchased 1,000 acres of good land in the Delta, which is now worth $40,000. The receipts for the association during the past twelve months have been $166,380.10, and $117,460.27 have been paid to widows and orphans, leaving a balance of $48,919.83. The association was organized at Greenville, Miss., the home of Grand Master E. W. Lampton, in 1880, and when Dr. Lampton assumed the reins of authority he found it in debt to the amount of $50,000. Every dollar of this debt has been paid during Dr. Lampton's administration and today the organization has a clear surplus of several hundred thousand dollars. This is financiering "some." The A. M. E. Church needs this man for Bishop!

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON GETS MASONIC DEGREES.

Conferred by Prince Hall Grand Lodge in Special Session.

Boston, Mass., Special.

The degrees in Free Masonry were conferred on Booker T. Washington by William Lloyd Marshall, Grand Master of Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. and A. M., of Massachusetts last week, at the Masonic hall in Tremont street. The work was performed in a lodge specially convened for that purpose and constitutes a very unique departure, as only men of mark are selected for this honor, which can only be conferred by the grand master. H. C. Binford, grand master of Alabama, in whose jurisdiction Dr. Washington resides, gave his official sanction to the granting of the degrees, and sent a letter of congratulation.

The Ayres Bulletin

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Charles Reed, of Paris, Ill., was the guest of Miss Willard Webber in East Seventh street Christmas.

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Mrs. Harry A. Brown is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Brown and family in West Tenth street.

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The choir of Allen Chapel will have song services tomorrow morning and evening. You are invited.

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George W. Cheatham, the night-man is very ill at his home in North Senate avenue.

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Miss J. M. Miller entertained a number of friends at her home in North Missouri street Christmas night.

Misses Janie Lee and Lizzie Caldwell of Danville, Ky., are the guests of Mrs. Susie Green, 414 West Vermont street.

W. H. Taylor and Mrs. Ella Dent were married last Sunday evening. Rev. Coleman performed the ceremony.

Mrs. J. W. Frierson, and daughter are spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Drucilla Cruse, at Green Bay, Wisconsin.

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Y M. C. A. NOTES.

"A Colored Man's Chances" will be the subject of the great address at the Monster Meeting, so says 2,000 tickets that have been put into the hands of the men this week.

Bishop J. H. Vincent, one of the foremost men on the lecture platform will be the speaker. Every race man should turn out on this occasion to hear this eminent divine on this very important subject. Let us honor him who honors us. Crowd the house,

The orchestra will give a special program commencing promptly at 3 p. m. W. Jackson will give a clarinet solo and Brutus McWilliams a cello solo. Amos Bybee will sing and also the male chorus of 100 voices. Come sing the "Glory Song" with us, made famous by the world's renown evangelists Torey and Alexander.

Bethel church is where the Monster Meetings are held and they are becoming the great Sunday afternoon rendevous for men.

Do you wish to buy a home? Write K. L. Knox, publisher The Freeman, to-day.

THE FLANNER GUILD.

J. T. V. Hill will be the speaker at the meeting Sunday afternoon. Chester Booth will give a recitation and two other numbers will be given by Girls' Club.

After his interesting and instructive address on "The Art of Living" on December, 15, Prof. T. C. Howell presented the Guild with $5.00.

All women interested in the effort to furnish a home for fallen and unfortunate girls and wish to give their assistance will meet at the Guild on Friday nights.

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SENSATION

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On account on an increase of patients at Dr. Ward's Sanitarium, Dr. and Mrs. Ward will hold their reception at Sumner League New Year's Day from 2 to 6.

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W. D. Collins, of Dwight, Ill., is the guest of his family.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

An Echo of Slavery Days—An Ex-Slave Wills a Snug Estate to the Great Grandson of Her Former Master.

In the legally drawn last will and testament of Mrs. Lucinda Bryant, an aged colored woman of Jacksonville, Ill., her snug little homestead and other property, the fruits of many years of patient work and saving, and valued at several thousand dollars, is bequeathed, in the wording of the document, to "George William Dulany III, a male white child, now living in Minneapolis, Minn." The story culminating in this remarkable will is an interesting one. In 1854, William H. Dulany, the venerable lumberman of Hannibal, Mo., widely known to the lumber trade, was in the tobacco business at Paris, Mo., and also held the position of jailer, while his brother, the late Daniel Dulany, was sheriff. A worthless white man in the county had stolen a colored girl belonging to the estate of his invalid wife, and he started for St. Louis to sell her. The sheriff gave chase on horseback, and finally captured the man and his captive. He took them to Paris, where both were locked in the jail, the man as a culprit and the colored girl as valuable property. On order from the court the girl was sold "on the block" at public sale. W. H. Dulany bought her for $400, and she was established as a nurse in his family and became a typical old-fashioned "mammy" to his children. At the time of the civil war she was given her freedom, but, like all the rest of Mr. Dulany's slaves, refused to leave the family, and remained with them until fifteen years after the war, when the children, G. W. Dulany and his sisters, were grown up. "Aunt Lunkey" and her husband finally moved to Jacksonville, Ill., where they have lived comfortably and have prospered, and all the while she has been keenly interested in the progress of "her children" and their families. Now, in her declining years, she provides a home for her two elderly and childless daughters, and at their death it is her wish that her little fortune shall go to the great-grandson of her old master and benefactor.

The "male white child" named in the will is the two-year-old son of George W. Dulany, Jr., of the Eclipse Lumber Co., of Minneapolis, and the grandson of G. W. Dulany, of Hannibal, Mo. Mr. Dulany will celebrate his ninetieth birthday January 9 next, and keenly appreciates the devotion shown by the old nurse.

When asked how she happened to make her will in such a manner, "Aunt Lunkey" replied, "I just done a little back thinking."

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Mrs. Alice Early is on the sick list this week.

Mr. Harvey Naull is doing some good music work.

Mrs. Sophia Ward is slowly improving from her illness.

Mrs. Mary Banks gave a very pleasant drill recently at the hall.

Mrs. Nellie E. Washington Robinson left recently for her home in Peoria, Ill., after being at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Alcenda Bryant.

Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Clara Edwards are slowly improving from their illness.

The little children of Mr. Manuel Greenup are all ill at their home on South West street.

Mrs. Leta B. Strong Mounts, who has been running a grocery store on South Lurton street, has closed out.

A bazaar was held at the Wednesday Art Club, at Company L Hall, recently, which was largely attended and a good success.

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The Bishopric.

The General Conference of the A. M. E. church is now about fine months off, and from the way things look, there is going to be about four or five bishops elected. Strange to say, however, the men are not taking enthusiastically to the Atrican Missionary bishopric as is recommended by some. The men are going to stand for the election of bishop straight out.

Arkansas has lined up to push one candidate for episcopal honors, and that man is in the person of Rev. Dr. J. M. Conner, who has been endorsed by all the delegates of the state as well as the delegates of the Oklahoma conference. Presenting a solid front, this section of the church stands in great hopes of winning. Then, too, Dr. Conner is endorsed by most all the correspondents of all sections of the country. If he should be elected, (and it looks that way now), there will be a strong exponent of the race and church on the bench. The connection is asking for his promotion. Those who want help will do well to get in touch with Arkansas.—Appreciator.

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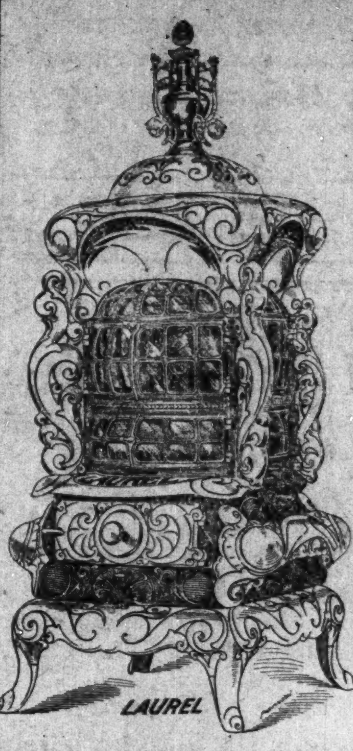

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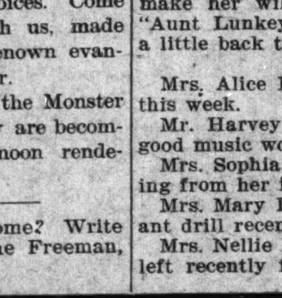

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